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Congressman Asks Tighter Review of CIA's Operations

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Rep. Jonathon B. Bingham (D-N.Y.) called yesterday for tighter congressional review of the Central Intelligence Agency and all intelligence operations of the Executive Branch.

In particular, Bingham urged addition of members of the Senate Foreign Relations and House Foreign Affairs Committees to the select group of Congressmen who scrutinize CIA affairs. He said the successes or failures of the Agency "materially alter the course of our international relations."

Bingham made his proposal to a Senate-House committee studying the reorganization of Congress.

Another witness before the Committee, Rep. Morris K. Udall (D-Ariz.) said that if corporations operated like Congress "the oldest janitors would be running the show." The object of his scorn was the seniority system of selecting committee chairmen.

Udall proposed that committee chairmen be chosen in secret ballot by the majority party from among the three senior committee members.

Another witness, Rep. D. R. Matthews (D-Fla.) who said he

was no critic of the seniority system, that members of the House be elected for four-year terms, instead of the present two-year terms.